GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Trade of Impure Gold
Pandey Dr. Mahendra Nath

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the impure gold trade is increasing in various parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken to check it?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b) : No Madam. However, the results of a market Survey for purity of Gold conducted in 2006 in 16 cities/towns showed that 146 samples out of the 162 samples tested failed. The average shortage of purity on an All India basis was 13.15 percent. The Government is, therefore, trying to encourage 'hallmarking' of jewellery since hallmarked jewellery guarantees purity of gold
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